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### Fire in the Fourth District.

BY A FRENCH VOLUNTEER.

The following from an Eastern Exchange, is so decidedly rich we cannot forbear giving it a place in our columns. It is brimful of wit and point:

Monsieur the Editor, I have assist one of the very striking spectacles of your city. I mean an incendiary scene. I displease myself to recount to you the details and emotions which arose in my bosom at the sight.

I was promenade in Broadway with the lovely Therese—whom, in the language of one of your own poets, “to know is to love”—and I flatter myself that we was much regard by the fashionables of your city, as much for the chic of my attire, which was fresh from Rue Richelieu, as for the tout ensemble of our aspect. Therese wore a robe à guillotin changeant; her chapeau was bleu au ciel avec perles in clusters. Her bottines (ah!) Monsieur the Editor, why shall you not reform the boots of your women?

Your Journals boast themselves much on the progress of your civilization; but your women wear boots of brown paper, without substance or shape. You are barbarians as to your female feet Monsieur,) were black, small, lovely, seductive, appetizing, with substantial soles and mounting the ankle modestly. Although she was mise perfectly;

and the young fly-gobblers stare most grossly at her; of which I, knowing her constancy, can afford to mock myself.

Presently we hear a cry—“O-o-o-o-oh!”

Then come “A-a-a-a-ah!” then “Ai-ai-ai-ai!”

We stop ourselves, and at the listening.

Then a bell ring once, twice, thrice, four times. Somebody says it is fire. Therese seizes herself of my arm and cry:

“My God! we are lost!”

“Reasure thyself!” I reply, “we shall perish together.”

And, by way of precaution, I do her slip the arm round the waist and plant myself in the firm attitude.

“Fire! fire!” shout a vile boy as he rush past us.

Therese palpitates; I feel it. A monster in a red shirt, the face of him redder than the shirt, rush past and roar:

“Come on, you beggar!”

The mustard mounts me to the nose, and I say to him:

“Begar yourself, polisson!”

Then to Therese:

“Angel, glory and danger call. I must leave thee. It shall never be said that where an American would go, a Frenchman would fear to follow. If I see you no more remember Eugene.”

She scream and she sob. But a true man of heart knows how to steel himself against such appeals. I plant a warm kiss on her forehead, and I launch myself.

“O-o-o-o-oh! a-a-a-a-ah!” The noise

come nearer, and now I see a regiment of pompiers (pumpers I suppose you call them) roaring and racing down the street, drawing a fire engine. In front of them there run a man with a trumpet, who roar twice, five time, ten time as loud as the others. When I see them, the ardor seizes me, and I roar too. I cry:

“Vive la Republique! A bas les tyrans! En avant!”

I was cry these manly words when a gross brute struck me on the inside of the leg, and I fall. I lift myself instantly and seek my outrager. He had fly, the cowardly villain; but the pumpers were upon me; and the commander he put the trumpet to my ear and roar:

“Bear a hand old cock!”

I was just going to say I was no cock, but an ex militaire, when I find myself environed by pumpers, all running; and to save myself from being overrun and crushed to death, I seize the rope and run with the engine. It was very agreeable at first, but after a few minutes I begin to lose breath, and I say, “Easy, my friends, easy!”

“Go ahead!” growl a red shirt in the behind of me.

“Stir up Johnny Crapeau!” say another red shirt.

“Hit him a lick on the nob!” cry another shirt.

“Kick him in the shins!” grunt another.

Justly indignant at this profanation of hospitality to a foreigner, I begin to say:

“Which of you will fight yourself with me with a pistol?”

But just then the capitaine of the engine, a brutal fellow, with superhuman strength, seize me by the collar, tap me seven or eight times with the force of a giant, with his trumpet, on the head, and back, and shout, “Go ahead! or I’ll spill your brains!”

Then I see by your laws, if a man don’t run with an engine, his life is forfeit to the State; so I say to myself, “Therese, remember Eugene!” and on I go, ready to die.

Now we are at the fire. ‘Tis a tavern kept by Mistress O’Flaherty, and it burns very picturesque. The mistress herself she stand on the street with her nine babies and she cry, “Och hone! Holy Virgin! let the whiskey go, but save the Madairy!” I was much astonish that I was left alone with the engine. All the red shirts would disappear and should not come back. A tall man he come to me and he say:

“Work away, boys!”

I try to work the engine, but cannot; and I shout, “My capitaine, where are the pumpers?”

“Pumpers!” says a rude boy; “they’re gone to save the Madairy. Didn’t you hear the woman call them? Say you will, Josey!”

Two small boys and one man came to help me; then two more men with fire coats; and we work pretty well. It was very fatiguing and very hot, but I think of Therese and of glory and I work on. Presently I seek my handkerchief to wipe my brow. It was gone—not the brow but the handkerchief. I am much astonish, and I wonder who was the thief. I look for my watch. Gone, too! My purse. Gone, too!

“Marble!” I cry myself; “who has violate my person and carry off my properties?”

“Down with her boys,” the capitaine cries himself, looking at me.

At this horrid speech, my senses overcame me. Even Therese vanish from my mind. Even glory cease to charm, when it appear that I am to be rob, to be trample to death—for that was what the execrable capitaine mean when he cry “Down with her!” So I let go the engine and run. I run, run! Monsieur, I run faster as any locomotive—with the fearful cry in my ear “Down with her!” until I reach my lodgings in Franklin street, and I stuff myself into bed and under zo close, where I sweat until I dreamed ze engines played me out.

But I will tell you one thing, Monsieur the Editor. When you want an account of a fire more times, you shall get some one else to write it for you as your humble servant,

EUGENE GROBICHON.

At this most remarkable case of indecision we ever heard of, was that of the man who sat up all night, because he could not decide which to take off first, his coat or his boots.

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# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

A. DE COSMOS, · · · · · EDITOR.

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND.

Saturday Morning, February 18, 1860.

## "Jackasses."

The vulgar, insolent and contemptuous term which heads this article, is applied by our "high-toned" cotemporary, along with other opprobrious epithets, to certain inhabitants of New Westminster, who have taken part in a public meeting against that insane ukase which imposes the "mule-tax."—Though this offensive language is found in what purports to be a communication signed "Viator," yet separated as it is designadly from the "correspondence" column, which is headed "We are not responsible for the opinions of our correspondents," and specially announced "from our own correspondent," the responsibility of the dirty thing is deliberately assumed.

The meeting in question is said to have been "gotten up by the Campo-American intrigue," and American citizens "are affirmed to have been Chairman and Secretary." The latter part of this statement is, to our certain knowledge, a misrepresentation, the Chairman being a Canadian. But there

is an evident design to produce the impression that American malcontents are the originators of opposition to the "mule-tax," while British subjects are quite contented with it. Nothing can be further from the truth than this. All the British subjects in the colony, who are not government dependents and toadies, join with one voice to condemn this unrighteous and disgraceful impost. But this is only one of many instances in which the attempt is made to fan the smouldering fires of international jealousy, and make Americans feel that their absence is more desired than their company. From the day that Gov. Douglas made the infamous suggestion to the Home Government, that foreigners should be compelled either to give bonds for their good behavior, or take the oath of allegiance, down to the last issue of the wretched rag that vaunts the stolen name "Victoria Gazette," there has been on the part of the administration and its supporters, a continual effort to bring Americans and their institutions into contempt,—to make them feel uncomfortable in the country, and, if possible, drive them out of it.

What can we hope to gain by such a course as this? We are close to American territory, and is this the way to secure desirable neighbors? There is of necessity a mutual dependence, why must the intercourse, which is thus unavoidable, be converted into incessant friction? Most of the nationalities of the world are represented in the emigration that is attracted to our shores,—why are Americans to be singled out as special objects of dislike, and targets of attack?

A wise policy would encourage emigration hither from the United States, welcome it as it arrives, and try so to order things that it shall have no temptation to go back. We lack population, and should do all in our power to attract it. Our American cousins have many qualities most desirable in settlers in a new country. They have national infirmities, which we have no desire to see imported or reproduced here. But their energy, versatility, aptitude in the arts of colonization, practical common sense, and capital, will benefit us, and we shall hurt no one so severely as ourselves, if we fail to appreciate them. Their presence is at least as valuable, and as much to be desired, as that of the pauper emigration, which many are so anxious to see encouraged, even by imperial subsidy, or colonial loan. It is notorious, that the poorer classes who emigrate from Great Britain to the colonies, are held to their national domain by a very slender tie.

**Freights on the Henrietta.**—Freight on the Henrietta is \$17 to Port Douglas, and \$25 to Hope, per ton; Passage \$7. About 75 passengers left New Westminster for Hope on the 16th.

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Telegraph, Colt's pistol, &c. &c., are no worse for being American.

If these colonies are ever to be truly great, they must cultivate a nationality of their own. And the sooner this is done the better. The first step in this direction is to let alone ill-names and mean epithets. Our cotemporary ought to have postponed its impressive lectures on taste and refinement,—on that "hideous monster party-spirit," and withheld its promise to cater affectionately for its American readers, until after the imposition of the "mule tax." It is not the least of the deplorable results of this insane piece of legislation, that has electrified the "high-toned" organ of a "high-toned" government out of all its proprieties, and metamorphosed it into the persecutor of those, to whom it kindly engaged to act the part of foster-mother.

The occasion which provoked the epithet "jackasses," is described as "the first instance of Americans interfering in our politics." This is high praise from a quarter that cannot be accused of a disposition to flatter. And as the "mule tax" is a commercial and not a purely political question, there has been it would seem, no interference yet.

We cannot refrain, ere we have done, from asking Viator & Co., what must be, according to their own showing, the character of an administration, whose blunders are so gross and palpable as not to escape the notice even of "Jackasses?"

**BOLD ROBBERY AND ARSON.**—About 9 1-2 o'clock last evening, a policeman passing the tailor shop of Mitchell and Moser, on Johnson Street, two doors above Waddington Alley, observed that the premises were on fire. Summoning the neighbors, the fire was soon extinguished, when it was ascertained that two trunks had been broken open and \$493 50 stolen therefrom, and a quantity of clothing having been laid over a small furnace had caused the fire. On the complaint of Mitchell, Moser was arrested, and examined before Judge Pemberton yesterday morning, but nothing appearing to criminate him he was acquitted. Whoever perpetrated the crime, must have been an old hand at the business, as the whole affair was cleverly and quickly executed.

**ARRIVALS FROM THE RIVER.**—The Anderson and Otter arrived last evening from New Westminster. The little steamer Henrietta arrived on the 10th at Port Douglas, and returned to Westminster on the 12th. She left again on the 16th for Hope and Yale, if possible to reach those points. An Italian arrived on the Anderson with \$3000 in coarse gold, taken from Lillooet Flat. Mr. Pettibone has a nugget in his possession weighing four ounces and one dollar. It was dug out on Canal River. Ballou's and Jeffries' Expresses brought down about \$5,000 in dust.

**QUEER PROCEEDING.**—The court of General Jail Delivery was compelled to wait more than half an hour Thursday evening, in consequence of the non-appearance of a very young man, lately appointed deputy Sheriff. Messengers were dispatched all over town to find the missing man; and after a long search it was ascertained that he had *locked himself in with the jury*, and was coolly listening to their debates. Smart young man, that!

**NEW FREIGHT BOAT FOR FRAZER RIVER.**—Mr. Jas. Trahey is constructing a boat at Laurel Point intended to be used for freight purposes on Fraser River. She is 75 feet long; 13 feet beam; 4 feet 6 inches hold; It is intended that eventually she shall have an engine placed in her; but at first it is thought advisable to run her under sail. She will be launched about the middle of next week.

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**TRIAL OF JOHN BUTTS.**—The trial of this young man charged with the commission of one of the most abominable crimes in the calendar, was commenced and terminated on Thursday in the Court of General Jail Delivery before his honor Judge Cameron. The Attorney General appeared for the prosecution and Butts conducted his own defence. The complainant, William Williams, a rather good looking youth of about sixteen years of age, gave his evidence in a straightforward unhesitating manner; but was contradicted in several important points by two other witnesses named Andrew Coyle and Robt. Cooper.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Butts said he had no witnesses to call, and addressed the jury as follows:

This is a case, gentlemen, the disgusting nature of which requires a great deal of brass to handle; but I hope you will sift the matter thoroughly, and if I am declared guilty I am willing to suffer the severest penalty the law can inflict. I want you to examine the evidence produced and do me justice, and I hope you will bring in a verdict which you will not be ashamed of yourselves, which I will not be ashamed of, and the Judge will not be ashamed of. The whole charge is a conspiracy to get my house and lot from me; the men I expected as witnesses have gone up the river and I am left without any. Gentlemen, I leave the case in your charge.

At the conclusion of Butts' remarks the jury retired, and at 20 minutes to 9 o'clock P. M. came into Court and declared they could not agree. They were ordered to be locked up until yesterday morning, when they came into court and asked for instructions. At 3 o'clock P. M., the jury having stated that it was impossible for them to agree, they were discharged, and a new jury ordered to be empanelled to try the case. The last vote in the jury-room stood 7 for conviction and 5 for acquittal.

The trial of John Butts, on the second count of the indictment—an attempt to commit the atrocious offence with which he was charged—was commenced and concluded yesterday afternoon; the jury, after an absence of five minutes, returning with a verdict of "not guilty." The first indictment having been quashed, the prisoner was discharged, and left the court-room rejoicing.

**ARRIVAL OF THE LABOUCHERE.**—The steamer Labouchere arrived Thursday morning from the Northern coast, bringing down eleven men, who left here on the 1st of July, 1859, to hunt for gold on Queen Charlotte Island. She also brought down a large quantity of furs, which will be sent to London in the Princess Royal. Among the passengers was Capt. Denman, formerly of this place, who returns very sick. The passengers all speak in the highest terms of the manner in which they have been treated at Fort Simpson, particularly by Mr. Moffatt, chief trader; but reiterate the statements made some time since in the *COLONIST*, relative to the refusal of Capt. Dodd to bring them down in the Labouchere on her last trip, in October. He refused to take any of them for either "love or money," and it is supposed he imagined they intended to spy into the affairs of the Company. Such inhumanity requires no comment. About the 10th of November the weather set in very cold at Fort Simpson, and continued until the 28th of the same month, since which time warm rains have prevailed. The most snow at any one time was about twelve inches. Gold was found on the bars of Nass river, paying about \$5 per day to the hand. The Indians at Simpson are well supplied with whisky from canoes, and cut and shoot each other without mercy.

**YALE SAW MILL.**—By an advertisement in another column it will be seen that the Yale saw-mill is offered for sale. During the palmy days of '58 and spring of '59, this mill was the best property in the colony; \$90 and \$100 was the price per thousand feet, for lumber, and numerous were the dollars that rolled into the pockets of the proprietors. It is now offered 20 per cent less than cost. A good chance for a man seeking a permanent investment.

**A NEGRO ON THE JURY LIST.**—Mr. Peter Lester, a colored grocer, doing business on Yates st. was the first juror called in the Butts' case on Thursday. Butts objected to him, and Lester withdrew. Yesterday, on the swearing of the jury on the second count of the indictment against the same man, Lester's name was again called, and no objection having been made, took his seat among the jurors.

**NOT GUILTY.**—Three Indians were tried before Judge Cameron, on Thursday, for pulling down a house belonging to John Jones, manufacturer and wholesale and retail dealer in Indian whisky. They were declared not guilty.

**RECEIVED THE BARK VICKERY.**—The bark Vickery having discharged her cargo, sailed on Thursday for Port Townsend for a cargo of lumber.

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50 do California White Wine,

20 ½ casks choiced Old Brandies, pale and dark,

20 ½ casks Port and Sherry Wine,

2 puncloes choice Jamaica Rum,

2 do Scotch Whisky,

## Mule-Tax Meeting at New Westminster.

At a meeting of the citizens of New Westminster, held at the house of J. Cafferty, on the 15th inst., to express their opinion concerning the tax of \$5 levied on each mule load leaving Douglas and Hope, Mr. J. W. Armstrong was called to the Chair, and Mr. Wm. H. Woodcock appointed Secretary.

It was on motion resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting. The Chairman appointed Messrs. W. H. Gray, Oliver Hare and W. H. Woodcock, who presented the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

1. Resolved—That the mining interests of this colony are the basis and only source of its prosperity and future advancement, and should be carefully fostered by the Government; and as the return to the miner for his labor, risks of life and loss of life's comforts, is not large, and is heavily taxed to pay the necessary cost of long transportation, no unreasonable tax should be laid on him by the Government.

2. Resolved—That in the opinion of this meeting, the taxes in this colony are already unreasonably high, to wit: 10 per cent. duties on supposed market value, and \$3 per ton tonnage dues, and the proposed additional tax of \$5 per mule-load, equal to \$40 per ton, is a most unjust and arbitrary imposition, directly calculated to injure the best interests of the colony, and to drive settlers to more favored localities.

3. Resolved—That the taxes on the mining interests of the colony should be lessened in every way, so as to encourage immigration to the colony, and not increased to discourage it.

4. Resolved—That we do hereby request the Government to rescind the law imposing this onerous, unequal and unjust tax of \$5 per mule-load.

5. Resolved—That the proceedings of this meeting be published.

J. W. ARMSTRONG, Chairman.

W. H. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

**THE "HENRIETTA."**—Now that Capt. Moore's little steamer has proved an entire success, as far as the Douglas Rapids are concerned, we expect soon to hear of the arrival of that boat at Yale. The point most to be dreaded about that place and Hope, is the Hill's Bar Rapids, and by making a partial portage, and with the aid of tow-lines, we think the difficulty might be overcome. Speaking of Capt. Moore, reminds us of an anecdote we heard of him lately. In the fall of '58, Moore arrived with the first large boat at Yale—capable of carrying about seven tons. Of course, the arrival of such a monster filled every one with amazement, and a large crowd gathered and commenced to put questions to the captain as to his intentions—many asking if he intended to take the boat through the cañon. After enduring the boring patiently for some time, and without reply, the captain at last broke out—"See here, you folks, I wish you'd stop asking questions; there's no use of my answering—you wouldn't believe me. If I say I'm going to take her up the cañon, you'll say I'm a fool; and if I say I ain't going up, you'll call me a blasted liar!" The captain was allowed to land his cargoes in peace after that.

**RARE TREAT.**—All lovers of good vocal and instrumental music should visit the Colonial Theatre on Tuesday night, the occasion being the benefit of the First Hebrew Benevolent Society. The mention of Madame Ballagny's name as one of the vocalists will alone be sufficient to fill the house. We trust to see a full theatre, as our residents should all assist the worthy object for which the proceeds will be appropriated.

**OPOSED TO A SUNDAY LAW.**—The Rev. W. A. Scott, of San Francisco, is a strong opponent of the Sunday law, lately introduced into the Legislature of California. He says:—"It was our happiness to spend many years in the city of New Orleans, where there are no Sunday laws, and where in fact there is no common law." After that, who will dare to pass a Sunday law?

**GOVERNOR DOWNEY.**—The independent press of California generally concede that their new Governor bids fair to make the best chief officer they have ever had. His private and public life, has heretofore been without a blemish. We hope that the prediction may prove true.

**TO BE REBUILT.**—The old Metropolitan Theatre in San Francisco, destroyed by fire in '57, is to be rebuilt on a more extensive and magnificent scale than before.

**Geo. Wallace was convicted, before Judge Cameron, yesterday, of grand larceny, in stealing a shot-gun, and sentenced to one year's imprisonment with hard labor.**

**Sporano & Co.**—We would direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of this old established house. Everything pertaining to a general store is to be found there, at cheap rates.

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## [FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT] Yale Correspondence.

**YALE, B. C. Feb. 11th, 1860.**  
**EDITOR COLONIST:**—The weather (most potent theme) has been unusually mild and pleasant during the past three weeks, still the miners have only been able to work with cradles and under great disadvantages—so much so that few persevere. At present, after two days snow, it is raining, and everything indicates an early breaking up of this winter season. It has been a dull and homesickening one—and but few are willing to endure another. The spring immigration is setting in, but unfortunately for the merchants, they have their own supplies and even some to dispose of.

I am pleased to note that this route is maintaining the preference over all others, and very justly too; still the improvements contemplated cannot be commenced too soon—vide disasters on the river.

**THE WAYS AT THE GRAND FALLS,**  
In about a week, will be completed by Mr. Geo. Dietz. They bid fair to lessen the dangers and obstacles in the way of boatmen, and will be very complete in their arrangement.

### PETITION FOR A SCHOOL.

The people of this District have petitioned the Bishop of British Columbia, for the establishment of a School at Fort Yale—setting forth the disadvantages which the parents and children are laboring under, having no such institution. It is to be hoped the prayer will be heeded. **JONAH.**

[Owing to a press of local and other news matter, we have been compelled to omit the publication of a great portion of "Jonah's" letter, which otherwise should have appeared.—ED. COL.]

**POLICE COURT.**—Feb. 16.—One man for nuisance, was fined 5 shillings; two drunks were mulcted each of a like sum.

Feb. 17.—Lewis Oscar, attempt at extortion, discharged. Jacob Moser, arson and robbery, discharged. Wm. Frentel, assaulting Geo. Seaford, discharged.

**COLONIAL THEATRE.**—An attractive bill is offered to-night at the Colonial. The favorite Chapman Family will appear in several new plays.

**A** new sidewalk is being laid on Government street from Fort to the Kanaka road.

**ON THE MOVE.**—A frame house down Johnson street.

### CITY TRADE REPORT.

**FRIDAY, Feb. 17, 1860.**  
Trade generally was dull to-day, and we heard of no sales of sufficient importance to note; the orders from above, per Anderson and Otter were not very heavy; but in consequence of the large number of men now on their way towards the mines, it is reasonable to expect an improvement. Flour is quiet at quoted rates; but a better feeling prevails in Bacon, ALCOHOL—Slow sale at 95@\$1.

FLOUR—G G super qr sks, \$6 50; Eclipse, \$5 75; Eureka, \$5 75.

BACON—15@15½¢, an improvement having taken place in San Francisco.

BEANS—White 3c; Chile, 4@4½c.

SUGAR—Crushed, 15c; pulverized, 16c; N O, 13c;

China, No. 1, 8c; S Island, 9@11c.

COFFEE—Green, 23½c, a decided improvement;

Bovee's ground, 22½c; Chartres, 32c.

CANDLES—Super Adamantin, 25@26c; French Sperm, 27c; do in paper boxes, 35c.

OYSTERS—Stetson & Piper's, \$8 50; other brands, \$6@50

LARD—J & H's, 17½c; Alden's, 16½c.

LIQUORS—Common American Whisky, 75c; do

Brandy, 75c; best French, \$5 50; Amer Gin, 65@75c; Holland do, \$1 25; Rum, \$2 25@33 50.

PORK—Half bbls, \$13½; whole do, \$25@\$26.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, 14@16 per lb; Onions, high and scarce, ready sale at 8c per cwt; Carrots, 3@5c; Turnips, 2c; Cabbage, 5c, and scarce.

BUTTER—Choice table, in firkins, good supply at 40@45c; fair, 35@40c.

### IMPORTS.

Per bark PRINCESS ROYAL, from London—654 stks 6 blds 64 pchns 4 pipes 6 butts 20 bbls spirits, malt Liquors and wines, 1000 bgs salt, 2 mats 7cs 110 lbs 30 stks 1 trunk 2 bxs 18 bsts, 4 hds hardware, etc, 29 cts 20 or 31 bgs 1 tress 70 lbs 91 kgs cartons, 14 hds 44 cs tobacco, 5 cs 6 bbs stationery, 476 cs 4 flkns soap, 23 cs 83 bales cottons and haberdashery, 86 cs bales clothing, 37 cs boots & shoes, 175 bxs 20 or 31 bgs, 27 pgs guns, 42 cs 151 lbs bx, 1 pk 14 lbs groceries and provisions, 1 hds 3 cases hardware, 8 mats, 3 bals, 22 bgs 116 kgs naval stores, 8 stks, 10 cs 250 jugs, 10 cans 2 cs medicine, 22 kgs shot, 3 crates 2 cs furniture, 4 case perfumery—value \$15,000.

### MAINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

### ARRIVED.

Feb 16—Schl Osprey, Gardner, Nainamo, Feb 17—Str Eliza Anderson, Bushnell, New Westminster. Str Labouchere, Swanson, Fort Simpson. Str Outer, Mouat, New Westminster.

### CLEARED.

Feb 16—Drig Willimantic, Libby, Port Townsend. Schl Victoria Packet, Cole, N W Coast. Canoe Morning Star, Nelson, New Westminster. Canoe Evening Star, Davis, New Westminster. Canoe Kiltz, Fautz, New Westminster. Canoe Yankee Jim, Bartlett, New Westminster. Feb 17—Str Eliza Anderson, Bushnell, Port Townsend. Bark Anna Krell, Mulhahn, Port Townsend. Schl L P Forster, Lamb, San Francisco.

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Sitting Baths, Wood side and framed do, Foot and Circular do;

Mole, Jean, Reeded, Chintz and Pillow Beds; Bed Bellows, Silk Beds, Sheetings Bags, Trunk Cases, Haversacks, Autigropebos, Circular Pillows, Bath Sheets;

Reeded, Divided and French Air Cusheons; India Rubber and Canvas Hose.

The above Invoice is open for examination at our office, and will be disposed of at a moderate advance on the sterling cost. SAM'L PRICE & CO., corner of Wharf and Johnson sts.

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10 " Jamaica Rum;

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10 " J Robbins Cognac;

10 " Martel Cognac;

10 " Segnette Cognac;

25 bbls Bourbon Whiskey;

50 lbs Alcohol;

50 cases American Brandy;

25 bbls Alsop & Son's Burton Ale;

50 bbls Oregon Cider;

150 cases Swain and Board's Old Tom;

300 cases London Dock Cognac Brandy;

20 cases London Club House Gin;

50 " Wolfe's Shampus;

100 cs H. H. & Co. Anchor Holland Gin

50 " Absinthe Suisse;

50 " Vermouth Riviere;

50 " Scotch Whiskey, Robt Thib;

150 cases Claret Wine;

50 " John Durand Hau Sauterne;

10 bbls Gordon Sherry Wine;

10 " Crown Port Wine;

25 baskets Heidsick Champagne;

10 " Heldsick Champagne, plnts;

25 cases Rosenbaum's Bitters;

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